



President Declares Major Disaster For Massachusetts

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced that federal disaster aid has been made available for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and flooding beginning on December 11, 2008, and continuing.

Federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm and flooding in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

FEMA Administrator David Paulison named Mark H. Landry as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Landry said that damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and more counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are complete.

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President Declares Major Disaster For New Hampshire

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» More Information on New Hampshire Severe Winter Storm

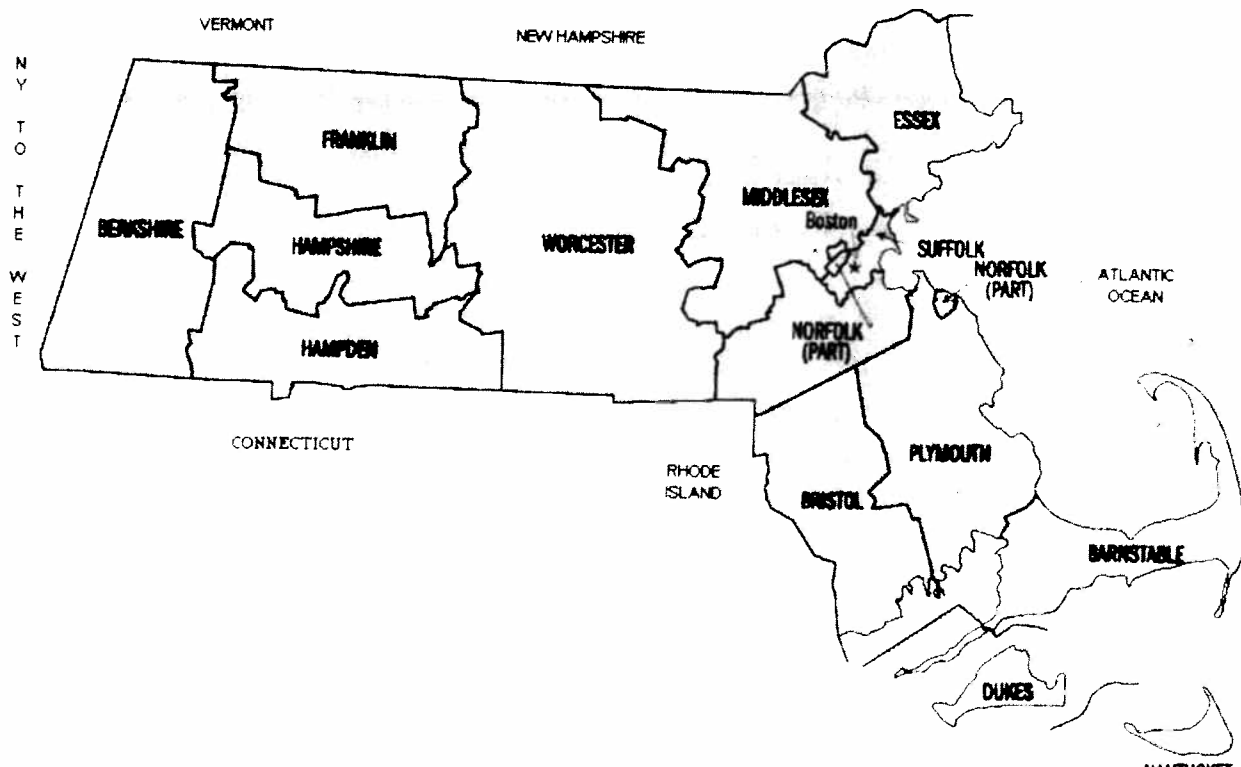
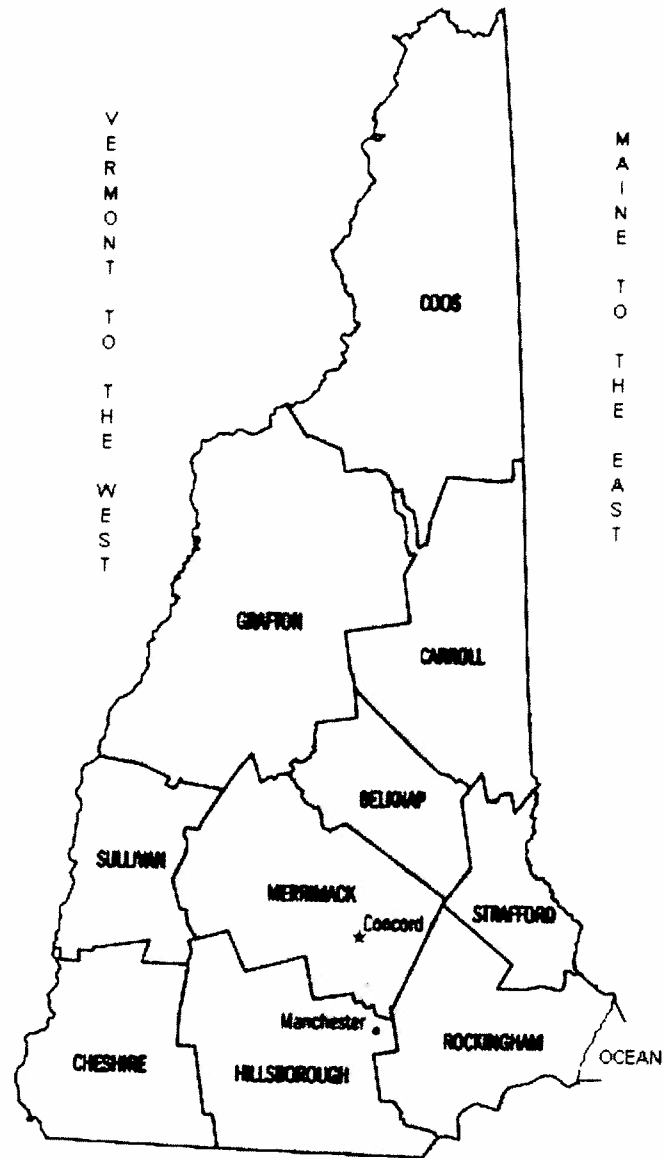
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced that federal disaster aid has been made available for New Hampshire to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11, 2008, and continuing.

FEMA Administrator David Paulison said federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm in the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, and Sullivan.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for all counties and tribes within the state.

Paulison named James N. Russo the federal coordinating officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Russo said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Emergency Management Directors

FROM: Don R. Boyce, Director

DATE: 1/9/08

RE: December 08 ice storm

As you are aware, five (5) Massachusetts Counties have received a Presidential Disaster Declaration due to the December '08 ice storm. At this time Suffolk, Middlesex and Essex Counties, the area comprising MEMA Region 1, are not included in this declaration. Fortunately, Suffolk County did not suffer severe ice conditions and/or power outages as a result of this particular storm.

In addition to Suffolk County the majority of Essex and Middlesex Counties, except for the communities that border the Route 495 Corridor, were also saved from the devastating impact of this storm. The Essex and Middlesex Communities that were impacted experienced power outages, tree damage and incurred costs for protective actions including, but not limited to, the opening of shelters for residents.

Within days of the storm MEMA was in contact with each community requesting that a Preliminary Damage Assessment Form (PDA) be completed. Once submitted, the MEMA Disaster Recovery Department processed the information and coordinated the deployment of PDA teams that were comprised of Federal and State personnel. These PDA teams evaluated the impact and damage based on the county structure, as required by the Federal Government. Through this process it was determined that Massachusetts met the necessary statewide threshold based upon the Federal criteria. Once the statewide threshold was met, it was then necessary for each county to meet its own federally determined criteria. As previously mentioned, five counties in central and western Massachusetts area were able to reach their threshold during the initial PDA team assessments.

Middlesex and Essex Counties have not yet been able to reach their county threshold. MEMA Region 1 and the Disaster Recovery Department, directed by the Governor, continue to work to find damages that may qualify under federal disaster regulations. If any of these counties reach their threshold, MEMA will then apply for an add on to the original declaration.

In addition to this formal process, the Governor, through MEMA, has continued to work directly with FEMA to identify other options for funding and inclusion of certain areas of Middlesex and Essex to the current Presidential Disaster declaration.

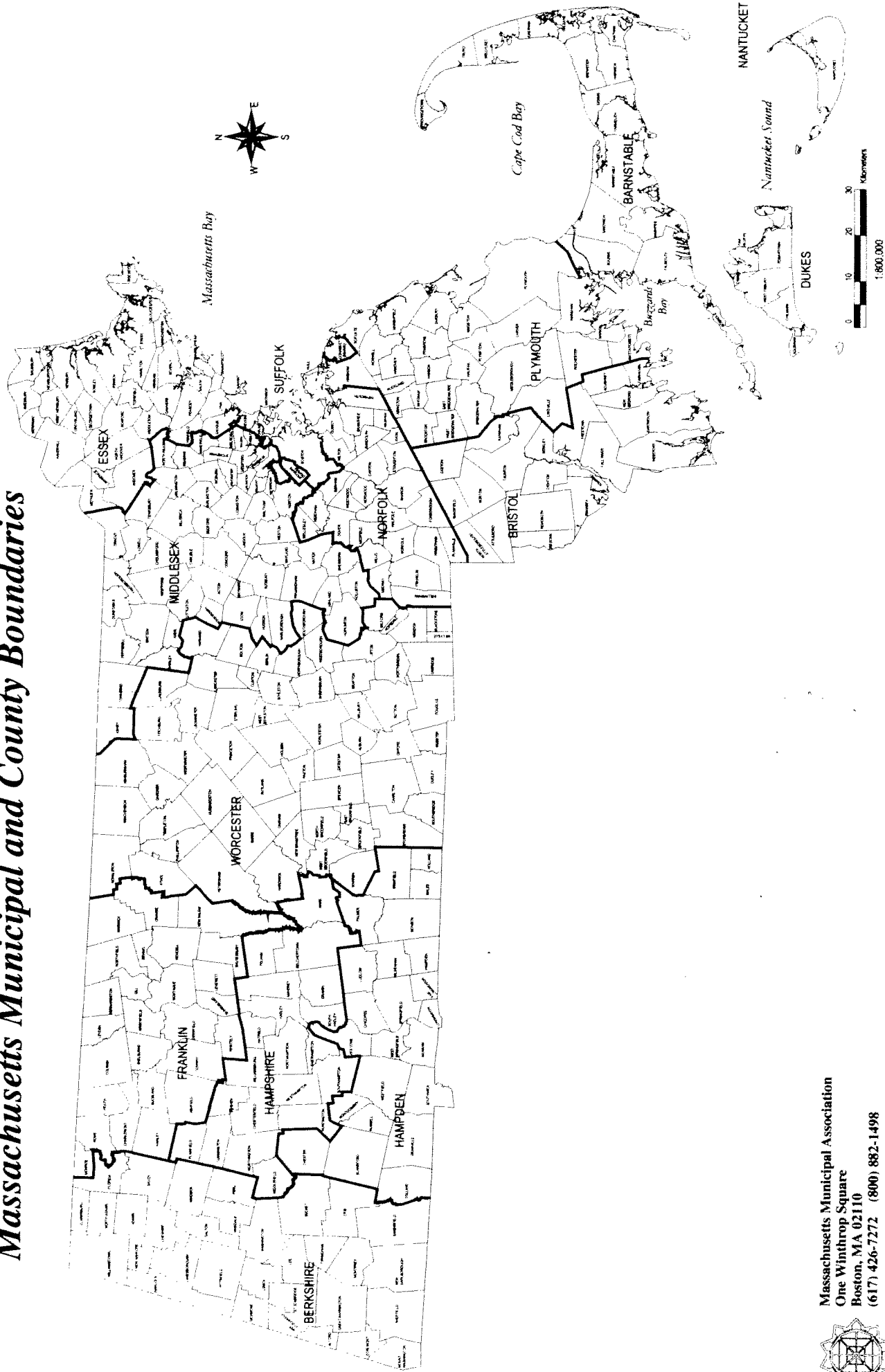
MEMA will continue to communicate information as received to help communities not yet declared to understand the process and actions being taken.

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August 2008

Massachusetts County Size & Populations

<u>County</u>	<u>Population*</u>	<u>Land Area</u>	<u>Density</u>
Barnstable	222,230	396	561
Berkshire	134,953	931	145
Bristol	534,678	556	962
Dukes	14,987	104	144
Essex	723,419	501	1,444
Franklin	71,535	702	102
Hampden	456,228	618	738
Hampshire	152,251	529	288
Middlesex	1,465,396	823	1,781
Nantucket	9,520	48	198
Norfolk	650,308	400	1,626
Plymouth	472,822	661	715
Suffolk	689,807	59	11,692
Worcester	750,963	1513	496

* 2000 Census data



County and Regional Analysis

January 13, 2009

The 100 Largest U.S. Counties**-- Based on Census 2000 Population****-- Based on Population Change from 1990 to 2000**

Data presented in this section show the largest 100 U.S. counties based on Census 2000 population (Table 1) and the largest 100 U.S. counties based on total population change from 1990 to 2000 (Table 2). All 3,141 counties in the U.S. were included in these rankings as identified by the Census Bureau as counties for Census 2000. See ranking of largest 100 U.S. cities/places based on Census 2000 at <http://proximityone.com/plc100.htm>. See ranking of largest 200 U.S. school districts based on Census 2000 via the web page <http://proximityone.com/plsd.htm>.

The total population of counties in Census 2000 was 206,462,567. The total population of the largest 100 counties was 119,305,672 (42.39 percent of the total population).

Rank	County Name	Code	Population
1	Los Angeles County, CA	06037	9,519,338
2	Cook County, IL	17031	5,376,741
3	Harris County, TX	48201	3,400,578
4	Maricopa County, AZ	04013	3,072,149
5	Orange County, CA	06059	2,846,289
6	San Diego County, CA	06073	2,813,833
7	Kings County, NY	36047	2,465,326
8	Miami-Dade County, FL	12086	2,253,362
9	Queens County, NY	36081	2,229,379
10	Dallas County, TX	48113	2,218,899
11	Wayne County, MI	26163	2,061,162
12	King County, WA	53033	1,737,034
13	San Bernardino County, CA	06071	1,709,434
14	Santa Clara County, CA	06085	1,682,585
15	Broward County, FL	12011	1,623,018
16	Riverside County, CA	06065	1,545,387
17	New York County, NY	36061	1,537,195
18	Philadelphia County, PA	42101	1,517,550
19	Middlesex County, MA	25017	1,465,396
20	Tarrant County, TX	48439	1,446,219
21	Alameda County, CA	06001	1,443,741
22	Suffolk County, NY	36103	1,419,369
23	Cuyahoga County, OH	39035	1,393,978
24	Bexar County, TX	48029	1,392,931
25	Clark County, NV	32003	1,375,765
26	Nassau County, NY	36059	1,334,544
27	Bronx County, NY	36005	1,332,650
28	Allegheny County, PA	42003	1,281,666
29	Sacramento County, CA	06067	1,223,499
30	Oakland County, MI	26125	1,194,156
31	Palm Beach County, FL	12099	1,131,184
32	Hennepin County, MN	27053	1,116,200
33	Franklin County, OH	39049	1,068,978
34	St. Louis County, MO	29189	1,016,315
35	Hillsborough County, FL	12057	998,948
36	Fairfax County, VA	51059	969,749
37	Erie County, NY	36029	950,265
38	Contra Costa County, CA	06013	948,816
39	Milwaukee County, WI	55079	940,164
40	Westchester County, NY	36119	923,459
41	Pinellas County, FL	12103	921,482
42	DuPage County, IL	17043	904,161
43	Salt Lake County, UT	49035	898,387
44	Shelby County, TN	47157	897,472
45	Orange County, FL	12095	896,344
46	Bergen County, NJ	34003	884,118
47	Fairfield County, CT	06001	882,567
48	Honolulu County, HI	15003	876,156
49	Montgomery County, MD	24031	873,341
50	Marion County, IN	18097	860,454
51	Hartford County, CT	09003	857,183

Middlesex County Municipalities Population

<u>Town</u>	<u>Population</u>	15 Northwest <u>Middlesex Towns</u>	"Northern" <u>Middlesex Cnty</u>	"Southern" <u>Middlesex Cnty</u>
Acton	20,586	20,586	20,586	
Arlington	41,075			41,075
Ashby	2,943	2,943	2,943	
Ashland	15,678			15,678
Ayer	7,315	7,315	7,315	
Bedford	12,884		12,884	
Belmont	23,308			23,308
Billerica	41,391		41,391	
Boxborough	5,073	5,073	5,073	
Burlington	24,895		24,895	
Cambridge	101,365			101,365
Carlisle	4,852		4,852	
Chelmsford	33,707	33,707	33,707	
Concord	16,789		16,789	
Dracut	29,385	29,385	29,385	
Dunstable	3,222	3,222	3,222	
Everett	37,008			37,008
Framingham	64,762			64,762
Groton	10,585	10,585	10,585	
Holliston	13,896			13,896
Hopkinton	14,172			14,172
Hudson	19,447			19,447
Lexington	30,231		30,231	
Lincoln	7,948		7,948	
Littleton	8,648	8,648	8,648	
Lowell	103,229	103,229	103,229	
Malden	55,595			55,595
Marlborough	38,062			38,062
Maynard	10,180		10,180	
Medford	55,681			55,681
Melrose	26,666			26,666
Natick	31,886			31,886
Newton	82,819			82,819
North Reading	13,950		13,950	
Pepperell	11,412	11,412	11,412	
Reading	23,086		23,086	
Sherborn	4,212			4,212
Shirley	7,661	7,661	7,661	
Somerville	74,554			74,554
Stoneham	21,471		21,471	
Stow	6,218		6,218	
Sudbury	17,027			17,027
Tewksbury	29,418		29,418	
Townsend	9,327	9,327	9,327	
Tyngsborough	11,542	11,542	11,542	
Wakefield	24,588		24,588	
Waltham	59,352			59,352
Watertown	32,165			32,165
Wayland	12,970			12,970
Westford	21,507	21,507	21,507	
Weston	11,646			11,646
Wilmington	21,525		21,525	
Winchester	21,092		21,092	
Woburn	<u>37,010</u>		<u>37,010</u>	
	1,467,016	286,142	633,670	833,346

December 11, 2008 Ice Storm

Estimated Public Damage Assessment

ACTON:	\$ 40,000
ASHBY:	\$1,200,000
AYER:	\$ 200,000
BOXBOROUGH:	\$ 56,000
CHELMSFORD:	\$ 303,620
DRACUT:	\$ 251,520
DUNSTABLE:	\$ 378,000
GROTON:	\$ 226,324
LITTLETON:	\$ 250,000
LOWELL:	\$ 350,000
PEPPERELL:	\$ 160,000
SHIRLEY:	\$ 360,000
TOWNSEND:	\$ 92,000
TYNGSBOROUGH:	\$ 156,204
WESTFORD:	<u>\$ 647,962</u>
TOTAL:	\$4,671,630

FEMA QUALIFYING NUMBER: \$4.8M